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1. EDITORIAL JANUARY 25 IN OFFICIAL BCP PAPER RABOTNICHESKO DELO RULES OUT ANY US-BULGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT UNDER RECENT US TRADE LEGISLATION. EDITORIAL STATES, "LAYING DOWN TERMS AND INTERFERENCE IN PURELY INTERNAL MATTERS ARE NOT BASIS ON WHICH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA WOULD CONCLUDE A TRADE AGREEMENT WITH USA".

2. EDITORIAL FURTHER STATES THAT BULGARIAN "OFFICIAL CIRCLES AND PUBLIC OPINION...HAIL REALISTIC STATEMENTS"

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ESTABLISHING LEGAL BASIS FOR TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON "PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS". THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE WHICH, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, IS LINE BULGARIA "WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW...IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE USA ALSO IN THE FUTURE".

3. COMMENT. EDITORIAL EXPANDS AND MAKES SPECIFIC BASIC POLICY LINE PREVIOUSLY LAID DOWN IN ZHIVKOV SPEECH JANUARY 23 (REFTEL A). AVOIDING POLEMICS AND RETAINING A MODERATE AND HOPEFUL TONE, IT PUTS BULGARIA CLEARLY IN STEP WITH THE SOVIET UNION.
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